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Aching Hearts Cannot Know

I sometimes think that God must surely smile,
While looking on His world so tenderly;
And whisper softly to His angels there:
"Could they but see."

His fretted world perplexed and worn and sad,
Distrustful of His watching thought the while;
Unmindful of the strength of love which shines
Behind God's smile—

The kindest smile a weary world could know—
A smile that pities, loves, forgives and plans;
That knows earth's strivings, failings, hopes and fears,
And understands.

Could they but see how near His angels are,
And know the grandeur of the ways they tread;
Or glimpse the land of happiness untold
Which lies ahead.

I sometimes think that God must surely smile,
When looking on His troubled world below,
And whisper softly, tenderly, His thought:
"Could they but know."

—Consolation.

"Now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know . . . ," 1 Cor. 13:12.

NOTICES

From the Field

This is to inform you that I am doing special mission work in Panama City, Fla. If there is anyone living in or near this city who is interested in the Church of God, please let me know how I can contact you. Also, if there is anyone, preacher or layman, who has members, friends or loved ones in or near this city who you think would be interested in the Church of God, please contact me immediately and let me know where I can find them.—John E. Connatser, Gen. Del., Panama City, Fla.

Change of address of ministers and workers:

C. L. Berry—Box 206, Logan, Ill.

To the pastors on the Morgantown, Miss., district: As I have been appointed district overseer, I will be around to visit each church on the district some time soon. As I do not know the addresses of the pastors, I would be glad to hear from each one—your name and address. The Morgantown church is over the top with their aged ministers' quota and are starting to raise their \$1.00 per member. Let us all cooperate, work and pray to put the program over and make it a great year for the Lord.—B. M. Woolwine, district overseer, Morgantown, Miss.

I am doing general evangelistic work this year and will go anywhere, especially in the Southern States. Anyone desiring my service may contact me at 411 S. Pine St., Marion, S. C., or c/o M. P. Cross, 116 Tremont Ave., Greenville, S. C.—W. F. Patterson.

My address for this Assembly year is Box 240, Somerset, Ky.—Rev. Ed Denham, state Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent of Kentucky.

Anyone desiring my service in revivals may get in contact with me by addressing me at Rt. 1, Box 142, Keysville, Va.—Evangelist Ida M. McGuire.

This is to notify the Sunday schools and Y. P. E.'s of Missouri, to please send their September reports along with their October report, to Arlie M. Dorman, Star Rt., Brighton, Mo., state Sunday school and Y. P. E. superintendent.—Arlie M. Dorman.

I am open for calls. If there is a church



Determination

I expect to do more this year for the greatest paper in all the world,

Church of God Evangel

Guess Who

Last week's picture, A. V. Beaube, Overseer of Georgia.

that wants a revival, and desires my services, write me at Ooltewah, Tenn.—Rev. J. W. Webb.

I will appreciate your sending me either new or back numbers of the Evangel, Lighted Pathway or Pictorial Review. It is my plan to distribute these wherever I go and get them into homes and institutions.—Rev. Gerald M. Searles, Church of God, Orland, Me.

Notice to the Dakotas

N. Dak. and S. Dak. Y. P. E. and S. S. Supt.—Miss Ruby Thompson, Lemmon, S. Dak.

N. Dak. State Mission Treasurer—Rev. Lemuel Johnson, 114 5th St., Minot, N. Dak.

S. Dak. State Mission Treasurer—Rev. Alvin H. Thompson, Lemmon, S. Dak.—Glydon Logsdon, overseer.

MY PLEDGE

J. H. Walker

We are delighted to see the hundreds and hundreds of pledges coming in in every mail, pouring in from every state in the Nation. On October 15 the pledges received according to the states, both laymen and ministers, are as follows:

| State | Laymen | Ministers | Total |
|------------|--------|-----------|-------|
| Alabama | 280 | 46 | 326 |
| Arkansas | 28 | 10 | 38 |
| Arizona | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| California | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| Florida | 3 | 45 | 48 |
| Georgia | 146 | 51 | 197 |
| Idaho | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| Illinois | 208 | 28 | 236 |
| Indiana | 16 | 6 | 22 |
| Kentucky | 112 | 43 | 155 |

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|-------------|----|----|-----|
| Louisiana | 25 | 4 | 29 |
| Maryland | 5 | 12 | 17 |
| Michigan | | 9 | 9 |
| Missouri | 47 | 58 | 105 |
| Mississippi | | 43 | 43 |

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Church of God On the Air

LaGrange, Ga., 1240 Kc., LaGrange, Each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a. m., E.S.T. Vance Perkins, pastor.

Y.P.E., Marion, Va., over station WOPI. Each Sunday morning from 6:30-7:00 o'clock. Jesse R. Burkett, pastor.

Rev. H. L. Whittington and the LeFevre Trio, Atlanta, Ga., over station WGST. Each Sunday morning from 8:00-8:30 E.S.T. Each Sunday afternoon from 3:00-4:00, E.S.T., over station WAGA.

Atlantic City, N. J., over WFPG, 1450 Kc. Each Sunday afternoon from 2:00-2:30 o'clock. Carl J. Hughes, pastor.

Augusta, Ga., over WGAC, Augusta, Ga. Each Saturday at 6:45 a. m. Each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a. m. Rev. Odie Smith, pastor, and Langley, S. C., Church of God on same station.

Illinois, over WEBQ, Harrisburg, Ill. Each Saturday morning from 10:00-10:30. H. O. Harris, overseer of Illinois.

Valdosta, Ga., over station WGOV, Valdosta. Each Sunday afternoon from 3:30-4:00 o'clock, E.S.T. L. P. Shaw, pastor.

North and West Knoxville Churches over station WNOX, Knoxville, Tenn., 990 on your dial. Each Saturday morning from 10:05-10:30. G. W. Hodges and J. D. Wilson, pastors.

Carmi, Ill., over station WEBQ, Harrisburg, Ill. Each Friday morning from 10:00-10:30. J. L. Summers, pastor.

Pratt City, Ala., over station WSGN, Birmingham, 6100 Kc. Daily broadcast from church 4:00-4:30 p. m. Sunday broadcast 3:30-4:00 p. m. C. T. Douglas and A. M. Phillips in charge.

God-Approved Ministers

By J. H. Walker

General Overseer

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STUDY to shew thyself APPROVED UNTO GOD, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," 2 Tim. 2:15.



Another great quality of a good leader is cooperation. Do you cooperate with your state overseer, and with members of the boards and with the other ministers? Do you receive the confidence and cooperation of your associates — Cooperation

—to give it and to get it? Every minister, every leader, every business executive is greatly dependent for his success on the cooperation of those under, over, and around him. So much depends on securing cooperation that the prime purpose of these remarks is to show how to win cooperation. Remember that cooperation is a matter of giving as well as getting. Naturally when you expect much in the way of cooperation from those over, under, and around you, they have a right to expect just as much from you. As Gordon Graham expressed it, "If you want them to feel that your interests are theirs, you must let them see that their interests are yours." That, and that only, is the way to build up a greater capacity for cooperation.

The work of the Church cannot succeed except through cooperation. In Mark 16:20 we read, "And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word with signs following." Notice Paul's letter to the Corinthians, in 1 Corinthians 3:9, "For we are laborers together with God. Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." Thus you see that we are not separate and apart from each other or from God. In Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, (6:11), we read, "We then as workers together with him beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain." It is the height of folly for a minister to preach to his people cooperation, asking, begging, and trying to persuade them to cooperate with him, when he does not cooperate with his district overseer nor with his state overseer. The people are not blind. They see these things. It is

far better not to try to beat cooperation into their heads by hard-sounding words and criticizing speeches but show your loyalty by cooperating with those over you, around you, and about you until they can see in their pastor a good example of faithful service and cooperation. Then the people will be constrained to cooperate with you in all you undertake to do in advancing the cause of Christ.

The minister who tries to get by will sooner or later find himself greatly embarrassed. This reminds me of a minister I heard of who, at a state convention, began with a big stormy loud report of how they were just getting along fine at his place, that they had good meetings, and that you could hardly expect the work there to be any better. Finally after all of his high-sounding expressions had ended, he started to leave the platform, and the state overseer, who had kept careful record of all the various departments of the Church, desiring eagerly to see how all the work was coming up, asked, "Brother, did you raise your 5 per cent mission quota?" The minister replied, "Aw-w-w, no, we didn't raise that." "Well, what about your special offering to be brought to the state convention?" "Well, we did not get that." "How about your aged ministers' compensation?" "No, I think that we are going to get that right away." "Just one more question," said the overseer, "What about your Evangel subscriptions? Are you up on your quota?" "No, we haven't got those either." The few pointed questions asked by the overseer revealed the fact that the man had not kept up his program and that he was not working together with his state overseer or with the rest of the ministers of the state. Generally such men are very apt preachers on tithing and giving, so long as it is coming their way.

Cooperation means working together for the same cause. A beautiful example is given in the four men who bore the paralytic on a stretcher and let him down through the roof to Jesus. If any one of the four men had dropped his corner of the stretcher, the poor sick man would likely have fallen and suffered greatly. But all four, working together, let him down carefully and gradually right in before Jesus. Jesus was able to speak the word which resulted in most wonderful success.

Do you remember the story of Jona-

than and his armor-bearer, who with such a burden for his own people, ready to risk his life for their interests, prayed and believed God and worked for the people's interests, going up alone, and killing the large number of Philistines? Then when Jonathan was almost exhausted because of hunger, he took his rod and dipped it in the honeycomb and ate and revived himself. But an order of the king had gone forth that no one should taste of anything that day and that there would be a curse upon the man who did. When this was known, Jonathan was brought before the king, who said, "Tell me, what hast thou done?" Jonathan replied, by saying, "I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand, and lo, I must die." Saul answered, "God do so and more also, for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan." But the people with whom he had been striving and laboring, said unto Saul, (1 Samuel 14:45), "Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid; As the Lord liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground, for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan that he died not." Thus, you have a beautiful example of one cooperating with God and God protecting him in the hour of death.

Generally when you hear a minister undertake to give a report at the convention and he starts out by saying that the people feed him and begins to brag on the fine potatoes they have there, the chickens they will feed you, the ham, etc., then begins to speak of how financially the people are not able to bring up their part of the quotas, etc., and adds that the church was so hard hit that he felt the people had such a load there with their local project that they couldn't get anything on the general program or trying to make excuses of different kinds, you can readily see that this man is not even a 42d cousin of the man I heard in Mississippi, who reported, "We have no excuses to offer. We have done the job." He was a hundred per center on everything, so why talk about other things. One fellow rose and reported,

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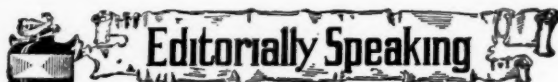
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Whose Plan THE radio, the newspaper, and every other means of information let us know that we are in a time of national and international planning. Details of these plans are not known as many of them are kept as military secrets. Many of them are guessed at by opposing forces. Hard study to try to understand just what is the plan of opposition is easily discernable. A few months ago prophecy was made that Hitler would soon take in more territory than he was able to police, that the way he was losing men and machines his force would soon be spent. But now people understand that his moves were so well planned that the countries which he has occupied have been put to work for him. Factories supervised by German technicians are turning out more and more machinery, and citizens of those countries which have been subjugated to German rule have been put to work in factories while German men were taken to push the battle. Such plans as were not known before have been so thoroughly executed until even the military authorities are now amazed at what has been accomplished. But after all, it must be remembered that man's plans are only man's plans and that they may be executed only so far as they do not conflict with the plan of the ages as outlined by God.

The *Jewish Record* recently comments that the island of Madagascar off the eastern coast of Africa is destined, if Hitler has his way, to be the dumping ground of all European Jews. The *Pentecostal Evangel*, in their October 18 issue, comments, "Evidently Hitler has failed again to consult God whose plan to re-establish the Jews in Palestine is contrary to this Nazi ambition." We are of the same opinion for there is no place in God's Word, prophetic or otherwise, that points toward a Jewish settlement in the island of Madagascar. Hitler may change the status of the Danubian countries or he may even subjugate Russia, but he cannot change the boundaries of that land which God has said He would give to His people. He cannot change the plan of God relative to those who are now mistreated, maltreated, subjugated and counted by him as the offscourings of earth. Man's plan may seem to go for a while

but we cannot forget the Alexandrias, the Caesars, the Napoleons of the past. Man's plan fails but God's plan continues and will be in every detail executed.

Desert Blossoms IN the midst of the world conflicts there comes a bit of news from Palestine confirming the words of the Prophet Isaiah, Ch. 35:1, 2, "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God." The Palestine Dispatch says in part, "War conditions have turned Palestine from an almost food-importing country into a food-producer. During the British and Free French advance in Syria food supplies were sent from this city to provide for the advancing armies. The Holy Land now produces 98 per cent of her vegetables, 32 per cent of her milk, and 44 per cent of her wheat. Palestine's wilderness has already become a fruitful land where foodstuffs abound. For the first time since the full strength of the old Roman Empire, Jerusalem has actually become a Jewish city. Sixty-five per cent of the population are Jews, although some of these live outside the old walls of Bible days."

Another newspaper, *The Watchman Examiner*, tells us that Palestine has become a very fruitful country, that three crops of clover have grown in three months on the flat land close to the Dead Sea. Even though this land has been so filled with salt that it was considered by many beyond reclamation, it has been rinsed and has produced beyond their wildest dreams. We are told that as many as fourteen crops of alfalfa have been reaped in ten months, that the land has a high lime content and promises to be one of the most productive spots on the face of the earth. And so goes the story of fulfillment. The land of Palestine has been glad for its wandering people and has yielded her strength to scientific agriculture so that the desert blossoms and bears fruit and can now be a help not only to itself but to neighboring countries, and so goes the development of the divine plan of the ages.

God's Providence

A sparrow had built its nest in a freight car that had been ordered to the shops for repair. When the car was in order and started again into service, a nest full of young sparrows seemed about to be robbed of a mother's care. But though the car traveled several hundred miles, the mother bird would not desert her young. The sympathy of the trainmen was touched and they notified the division superintendent, who ordered the car out of commission until the little birds were able to care for themselves. If a great railroad system can be ordered so as to protect helpless sparrows, is it hard to believe that the great Superintendent of the universe orders all things for the good of His children?

—Best Modern Illustrations.

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward," 2 Peter 3:9.

Mass Loyalty NEWS comes from Chicago that the Chinese there are repaying some of America's generosity to the people of their homeland in the only way that they know. They are, according to reports, purchasing U. S. Defense Bonds and Stamps. A Chinese spokesman, according to our informant, said that every one of his five thousand countrymen in Chicago had purchased a bond or stamp. Quoting further on this report of mass loyalty, "Walter C. James, Chinese restaurant owner, fathered the idea at a meeting of a United China Relief Committee. 'We should be most ungrateful,' he said, 'if we overlooked the fact that America, too, needs the help of every son—even adopted ones like ourselves—in the successful solution of her emergency problems.'"

Would it not be a wonderful thing if every member of the Church of God would be so loyal that without a single exception each individual would throw himself and his resources

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THE Scriptures speak of three classes of people on the earth,—the Jew, the Gentile, and the Church. The Church is made up of both Jew and Gentile. Outside of the Church all who are not Jews are Gentiles. Up to the call of Abraham all the people of the earth were Gentiles. Abraham was the first Hebrew. His grandson Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel (Gen. 32:24-28), had twelve sons. They became the heads of twelve tribes, known as the Twelve Tribes of Israel. After the death of King Solomon these tribes were divided. Ten of them became known as Israel, and two (Judah and Benjamin) as Judah. In B. C. 721 Israel was carried captive to Assyria, and in B. C. 606 Judah was carried captive to Babylon. When Judah, after seventy years, returned from captivity, a fair representation of the whole Twelve Tribes returned with them. From that time they have been known as the Jews.

The Jews were God's chosen people, but when they fell into idolatry and were carried into captivity, they were supplanted by the Gentiles. The nations of Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon were anxious to conquer and supplant Israel (the Jews), but God held them in an unseen leash until the iniquity of Israel was full, and then He permitted the world power to pass into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. Jer. 27:5-7. This happened in B. C. 606 and marked the beginning of the "times of the Gentiles," spoken of by Christ in Luke 21:24, and which is a period that in the mind of God has certain chronological limits. It is not to be confounded with the "fulness of the Gentiles" spoken of by Paul in Rom. 11:25. The "fulness of the Gentiles" refers to the Gentiles that are "gathered out" to make up the Church, and "blindness in part" will continue among the Jews until the "fulness (the whole number of the elect) of the Gentiles" be come in, then the Church is "caught out," and the Jews restored to their own land. The "fulness of the Gentiles" began at Pentecost and ends at least seven years before the "times of the Gentiles" end.

The "times of the Gentiles" are fully outlined in the Book of Daniel.

The Book of Daniel contains one "dream" by Nebuchadnezzar, and four "visions" by Daniel, all relating to the "times of the Gentiles."

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM

In the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign he had a dream, but when he awoke it had gone from him. He demanded of his magicians and astrologers that they should not only produce the dream, but that they should interpret it. This they were unable to do and their

The Gentiles



By Rev. S. W. Latimer

destruction was ordered, but was stayed by Daniel's petition for a little time. Then Daniel and his companions betook themselves to prayer, and in a night vision the "dream" and its meaning was made known to Daniel. The interpretation is certainly one that human ingenuity could not have hit upon. The wise men and flatterers of the Chaldean court would never have dared to announce the end of Gentile supremacy.

The "colossus" (image) symbolized the "world kingdoms" in their unity and historical succession. Gentile dominion is represented by a huge "metallic" man. The degeneration of the "world kingdoms" is seen in the diminishing value of the metals used. Silver is worth less than gold, brass than silver, iron than brass, and clay than iron. The weight of the image also declines, the specific gravity of gold is 19.5, of silver 10.47, of brass 7, of cast-iron 5, and of clay 1.93. The "colossus" is top-heavy.

The four metals of which the "colossus" was composed represent four world-wide empires, which were to arise in succession. Dan. 2:37-40. Four great empires, and only four, are to succeed each other in the government of the world, from Nebuchadnezzar to the second coming of Christ—the Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Grecian, and Roman. These kingdoms are not only made known as to number, but their names, in the order of their succession, are given. The first kingdom, Babylon, is indicated by Daniel while interpreting the vision to Nebuchadnezzar. "THOU art this head of gold," Dan. 2:38. The second—the Medo-Persians, he points out in his account of Belshazzar's feast, by the emphatic words "In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain, and Darius the Median took the kingdom." Dan. 5:30, 31. The third, the Grecian, is mentioned in Dan. 8:20, 21, the ram which thou sawest having two horns are *The* kings of Media and Persia. And the rough goat is the king of Grecia. The fourth, the Roman, is referred to in Dan. 9:26, as the people of the Prince that should destroy the city (Jerusalem) and the sanctuary; and we know that it was the Romans under Titus, that destroyed Jerusalem in A. D. 70.

We have seen that the deterioration of the "colossus" is shown in the charac-

ter of the governments as they were to succeed one another. The power of Nebuchadnezzar was absolute, of him Daniel said,

"All people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared him; whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down," Dan. 5:19.

The second kingdom was inferior to the first. It was a monarchy dependent upon the support of an hereditary aristocracy. The king could by no means do as he willed. This is seen in the case of Darius, who desired to save Daniel from the lions' den, and could not, Dan. 6:12-16; and in the case of Ahasuerus who could only save the Jews from slaughter by a counter-decree. Esther 8:3-12. The metal of the third kingdom was brass, and the government of Alexander the Great was a monarchy supported by a military aristocracy, that was as weak as the ambitions of its leaders.

The iron power of the fourth kingdom shows a still further depreciation. The Caesars were nominally elected by the people; they were merely called first magistrates of the state or generals; and for a long time wore no diadem, but only the laurel crown of a successful commander. They had also a senate which was supposed to counsel and control them. The people were neither allowed to legislate for them, nor to interfere with them, and if a senator became too independent he was banished. Thus the empire remained metallic and coherent. Iron is more perishable, more easily corroded or rusted than brass, or silver, or gold; but in the form of STEEL it is harder than any of them, and cuts through every other metal. Such has been Rome with her iron rule.

But the "colossus" grows weaker and weaker until the feet and toes become a mixture of iron and clay. In other words, the government degenerates from an absolute monarchy to an autocratic democracy, a form of government in which the people largely have the say.

In short the "colossus" shows that Gentile dominion passes gradually from the head, the organ which ought to direct the members, to the feet, which are only made to carry the body whither the head directs. We see then that the

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Reports from the Field

Gaining Victory

To the Evangel Readers everywhere, greetings. I praise God this very moment for what He is to me. As I wonder over the dangerous happenings of the world, it makes me want to launch out in the deep with my net (spiritual) for a draught, and God is working in our midst. The Church of God is taking a full stand in Grand Turk and the people are now realizing about her. She is recognized among the recognized churches. This was a long-time fight but our second annual convention has given us the victory. Praise His dear name. After our convention closed the other Pentecostal movement wanted to have their convention but the people said that we already had a convention and why didn't they all come in one, so we can see that the people see the need of unity. Please pray for our Church of God friends, that they will see the light and get saved.

Brother J. T. Musgrove reports a fresh start at Whitby. One family with seven in number went to the altar, and you will hear of more. We have some earnest people here in Grand Turk. We are still encouraged to go on and the Lord is with us.

Please pray for the saints in Kew and please send some help that they may feel encouraged to press on. Dear ones, you know that makes one downhearted and worry begins to take place in the heart. Anyone who reads this please ask God to help you so you can help us and I am sure He will open the way for you to do so. May God help and bless you is my earnest prayer. Our Y. P. E. is doing fine but needs your prayers.—A. W. Rigby, overseer of Turks Island, B. W. I.

Wait on the Lord

Evangel Readers everywhere, greetings in the dear name of Jesus. I can say we have victory. Praise the Lord. Since July the Lord has opened two family doors that I could go in and hold service three times a week. Oh, praise the Lord. Tonight, Aug. 31, as the Word was delivered I could see people who had never come around holiness coming in and in time of prayer they knelt with us. They got up and asked us to pray for them that the devil's fear will be taken from them that they will be like us. Brother T. Lightburn, and wife and I are in the battle for the Lord. Brother Lightburn

is ninety-four years old but he is on fire for the Lord. I visited the overseer, Brother Rigby, in July at Grank Turk. We had a wonderful time in the Lord. I am praying that someone may send me an old Bible as mine is worn out.—In the battle for the Lord, J. T. Musgrove, evangelist.

Blesses Us Though Few in Number

McLAIN, Miss.—I am glad to sound a note of praise and thanksgiving to our great God for victory in Jesus' dear name. The Lord has done so much for us down here that we cannot praise Him enough. Though we are but few in number at the little Buffalo Church of God, it has made no difference with Him. He has poured out His great blessings on us. Oh glory! I can feel the great presence of God now.

We have prayer meeting at McLain every Thursday night with some other Pentecostal people and the Lord is wonderfully blessing in this prayer meeting. There have been four filled with the Holy Ghost of late and the Lord has healed many times of different diseases in our midst through the prayer of faith.

We truly thank God for our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister W. J. Scruggs; they are real workers for God and His Church.

We desire the prayers of the entire Church for our prayer meeting and for the church here. Pray God to give us a church house here and that the church people will so live the life that many more will come in under the great protecting wing of the Church of God.—Brother Jett Breland.

Giving God the Glory

WARRENTON, N. C.—I am truly praising God for His tender love and mercy; because He has kept me sheltered from the storm so many times. Glory to God. I truly praise God for the way He has blessed my soul time and again. I am glad for this good old time salvation, something we can really feel or know about, something that Jesus gave His life for that we might have. Praise His name.

I praise God again for the Church of God we have here in Warrenton. We have a very nice crowd of young people too. Our desire is to go over the top for Jesus and win others to the Lord because

I would hate to go to heaven empty-handed, without any sheaves to lay at my precious Father's feet. So many people are just neglecting Christ, but we're living in a time when it is going to take a close walk with the Lord to go through.

Remember me in your prayers that I will prove faithful to the end. I have a very special request which needs to be answered.—Bertha Miller, Rt. 1, Box 137.

MOBILE, Ala.—Just a word of praise to our blessed Redeemer for His goodness toward us. We feel like saying here that we found a good band of people to work with and they surely have been nice to me as their new pastor. We have purchased a nice parsonage for the church and the L. W. W. B. is working to furnish the parsonage. We are looking for this to be the best year we have had for the Church of God and for a harvest of souls. Our address at present is General Delivery, Prichard, Alabama. May the Lord bless all who read this. — C. E. Richard.

Sunday School and Y. P. E. Growing

MORGANTOWN, Miss.—We truly thank the Lord for guiding us to Morgantown, Miss., to work among the good saints here. They are on fire for God and with their help we are over the top with our aged ministers' fund.

Our Sunday school is growing and we have a wonderful Y. P. E. We believe we will have a great year in the Lord. Pray for us here that God will give us many souls.—B. M. Woolwine, pastor.

Everything Points to Victory

GRANTSVILLE, Md.—I praise God for His goodness and blessings to mankind. God has blessed us in Manadier Ridge where we are laboring for His cause. We are now in an old time revival which started October 5. Brother Floyd A. Boger, of Westernport, Md., is our evangelist. He is surely giving us the good old Word of God in the old time way, which brings the power and presence of God in our midst. Everything points to a great victory for Jesus. We ask the prayers of all who know the value of prayer for us up in these mountains. Come and pay us a visit. God will bless you.—Rev. A. N. Jackson.

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Requests

For Prayer

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these requests it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take these to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf.

Pray For

The healing of a young man, Abam Spangler, in the U. S. Soldiers' Home Hospital, Washington, D. C.; our work in Hagerstown, Md.—Brother Carroll S. Marshall, Hagerstown, Md.

The healing of my father who is in the hospital at Griffin, Ga., in a critical condition caused from a car wreck.—Henry Woodard, Rt. 1, Hickman, Tenn.

The healing of my body, I am suffering with my head and eyes. There is a growth over both of my eyes and I suffer with asthma and other ailments; my husband to be healed of sugar diabetes and be saved; the healing of my little boy.—Mrs. Annie Mae Whitaker, Haines City, Fla.

My husband to be saved and healed, he has sores on his hands and foot; the complete healing of my body; the healing of my sister who can't walk.—Mrs. J. D. Hudson, Rt. 2, Adairsville, Ga.

The healing of my body, I am very sick. I slipped on the church step and must have injured my back very badly, I can hardly sit down.—Solomon Mackey (colored), Box 64, Jensen, Fla.

God to heal my body, I am sick.—Mrs. Mary A. Pratt, Rt. 2, Loudon, Tenn.

God to undertake in a case.—Mrs. G. V. Brazell, Rt. 3, Gorman, Tex.

The healing of my body and my faith to be increased.—Mrs. Gordon May, Rt. 3, Albertville, Ala.

The healing of my mother who is very ill; me to be healed, I have been very ill but am a little better. I have gall bladder and liver trouble.—Mrs. Ben Ellis, 14 E. Walnut St., Rich Hill, Mo.

God to undertake in my home and for my loved ones and friends.—One who needs prayer, Cambria, Va.

The healing of our baby who is very sick with whooping cough.—Mr. and Mrs. Mike Creason, 4400-A Vista Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

The healing of my body, the doctors say I have a tumor; the healing of my daughter who is sick and in sin; Sister Wood to be healed of a goitre.—Sister Ethel Roberts, 524 Buffalo St., Toledo, Ohio.

My mother, Mrs. M. T. Preece, Sr., who is in the Paintsville hospital in a serious condition; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Wesley Wilson, Louisa, Ky.

God to heal my body and satisfy my soul; my husband and children.—Mrs. Lively, Freeman, W. Va.

The healing of my grandson's arm, it is broken in two places; God to undertake for my loved ones and me.—Mrs. Julia Ingham Jones, Rt. 1, Box 37-B, Lithia, Fla.

God to undertake for Fred Langley and save him. His address is Rt. 1, Ocoee, Tenn.—Nola Harvey, Rt. 2, Box 122, East Brady, Pa.

The healing of my body, I am in a serious condition, have a serious trouble; my baby to be healed; God to bless us in our efforts in building our church; God to bless Brother and Sister Fuller and that he will be healed of T. B.—Mrs. Kate McGhee, Gen. Del., Tucson, Ariz.

The complete healing of my body; the healing of my son's eyes.—Mrs. Quincie Bural, Rt. 1, Box 420, Carlsbad, N. Mex.

God to undertake.—Cramer Loftis, 43 Lenton Ave., Lavonia, Ga.

Silas Holiday to be healed of T. B. and be saved.—Mrs. Alpha Core, Folsom, La.

The healing of a boy who got crippled in the coal mines, he can't live if God doesn't undertake. His people are strictly Baptist but he is believing and wants people to pray for him. Send him an Evangel to read. If he can be healed by the power of God it will cause many lost souls to come to Christ. Please help me

hold on till victory comes. His address is Clendle Robbins, Colmar, Ky.; my son to be saved.—Maggie Denny, Brew Rd., Box 120, Middlesboro, Ky.

The Lord to heal my body, I am so weak today until I can hardly sit up.—Rev. L. M. Bishop, Rt. 3, Box 29, Walterboro, S. C.

The healing of my son who is in the insane hospital; the healing of a young man who is suffering with a cancer.—Myrtle Brown, 416 W. 5th St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

God to help us in our work for Him.—W. T. Truett, pastor evangelist, Claysburg, Pa.

My little boy to be healed of asthma; my mother to be healed.—Mrs. Zannie Potter, Star Rt., Larkinsville, Ala.

The healing of my body, the doctors say I have gallstones and that I will have to have an operation but I know God can heal; God to undertake in a special case for me, I can't overcome without His help.—Patsa Mandola, Amherstdale, W. Va.

The healing of my eyes and body.—J. H. Pilgrim, Edwardsville, Ala.

The healing of my body and eyes, I am very sick and can hardly see. The doctor says I have a clot of blood behind the ball of my right eye and they both dance and move around.—Myrtle Bruff, 1874 26th St., Detroit, Mich.

The complete healing of my mother, it seems her side is rising on the inside.—Mrs. Eddis Wiggins, Blairsville, Ga.

God to undertake for me, and that He will help my wife.—A friend, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.

Dear Saints, please pray for the healing of my body, I am in bad health, and run down completely. I hardly feel like living. I know God can heal any disease. I have prayed to Him and had prayer answered. I am not a member of the Church of God but I believe in it strongly. I have an uncle who is a Church of God preacher and my mother is seeking salvation. Pray for her that she will go through and that she will regain her health and that her nerves will be healed. I have high blood pressure, another serious trouble, bad kidney trouble, sinus trouble, enlarged vocal cord on the right side of my neck, bad teeth, weak eyes and my whole body is getting stiff and sore all over. The doctors say I must have several operations. They also say I have T. B. Pray that I will have a completely healthy body and receive the Holy Ghost. I am very sick tonight with my chest and neck. I suffer

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Foreign Missions

LETTER TO GENERAL OVERSEER

On the Ocean
September 18, 1941

DEAR Brother Walker:
Greetings in Jesus' dear name.

I am now on my way back to Barbados, and shall never forget the wonderful experiences that have been mine in connection with my trip to and from the Assembly, and I cannot say how much I appreciate the kindness shown me by you and the Mission Board. My short stay in America has meant much to me, and has helped me to know the Church of God in a way it would not have been possible otherwise. In reaching New York I found that the ship by which I was to have returned to Barbados had been sold, and that the Moore-McCormack Company would not have a vessel going to Barbados till October 22, but after explaining to them the reason of my hurry to get home, they transferred my return ticket to the Canadian National, sailing from Boston, so I came on to Boston and now I am on my way. Owing to the length of time we will be on the water, I had to pay \$27.75 more for this passage, so it fitted in so nicely, the extra \$25.00 you gave me when leaving Cleveland, and I have had enough to meet this extra expense. This, however, is working out for the good of the work, as I will now have an opportunity to call at both Dominica and St. Lucia on my way to Barbados, and will still reach home about five days earlier than first planned. Truly, God's ways are always best.

Remember me kindly to all at Headquarters and pray for me and the work in our field, and we will also continue to remember you and the great Church of God at the throne of grace.—Faithfully His and yours, J. B. Winter, overseer of Barbados.

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Excerpts from a letter written to Brother Tharp by J. B. Winter:

"I wish here to thank you and Sister Tharp for your kindness to me the few days I was in your home and at the Bible School. What a beautiful school, and what a fine group of young men and women you have there this year! May God give you health and strength for the many duties that are yours."

God Is Still on the Giving Hand

"Our church is nearly completed and will be ready for the meeting November 22, 23, 24, D. V. Also the parsonage for Brother Mebius and his family will be well done by then. We have had a little persecution this last week. The alcalde closed two of our meeting places. I will see the governor tomorrow and have them opened again. There were eighteen baptized with the Holy Ghost last month at Los Tables and twenty baptized in water. So God is still on the giving hand.—Your brother in Jesus, H. S. Syverson, Cojutepeque, El Salvador, Central America.

Far From Cleveland but Near the Lord

FORT HILL, Jamaica, B. W. I.—Although many hundred miles out in the Caribbean and so far away from Headquarters—Cleveland, Tennessee—yet we, the Church of God on the St. Thomas district, Jamaica, can truly thank God for the high standard of doctrine that is preached by our beloved district pastor, Rev. I. L. Miller. The unity of the faith seems to underlie most of his messages and we can see the wall of factions and divisions crumbling under this dear brother's teaching. Praise the dear Lord!

On Friday, September 19, we had a most glorious time here when a united fast was called by our pastor. There were seven churches represented, also four visiting churches. The Lord wonderfully blessed Elder Miller in expounding the Church of God teachings in his preliminary address, during which the brethren of the visiting churches were astonished at the high standard of our doctrine. They had not heard about us—"the Cleveland people"—until recently. We had several Holy-Ghost-inspired messages and testimonies, spiritual songs and choruses. Altogether a most glorious time was spent by one and all in the presence of Him who saved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. Praise His dear name! Sister Roselda Smith, local pastor of the Church of God at Trinityville, gave the altar call and ten seekers came forward to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Please pray for us here in Jamaica, that we may continue to maintain the high standard of the doctrine of the Church of God.—Stanford Patterson, local pastor.

Letter From China

WANG TSUN, Tsiew Chi Ry., Shantung, China.—Beloved coworkers and friends, greetings in the matchless name of our Lord. He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him, so we fear not. Life is full of hindrances, especially in the case of those who desire to make known the glad tidings. Our prayer life gets hindered. 1 Peter 3:7. Our race for the prize gets hindered. Gal. 5:7. At nearly every turn Satan hinders. 1 Thess. 2:18. But in spite of all, the Holy Spirit, who helpeth our infirmities, Rom. 8:26, will cause us to be marvelously helped.

After three days of fasting and prayer I write these few lines. The freeing of this and the other works hardships for a time but can not hinder the forward move of the gospel of God. This morning we read Romans 16 and one word stands out prominently—"shortly." I shut my eyes and look into the space before me. The word means that when the event begins to happen it will then be quickly finished. It is the same word as in Revelation 1, meaning that when the events leading to the coming of Christ begin to happen they will happen in very quick succession. So when the God of peace begins to deal with Satan, as He certainly will at the coming of Christ, events will be in quick succession until Satan is finally bruised under our feet and "cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:10. Hallelujah, what a Savior! What a song of triumph we will have here! Can others see by our victorious lives that the power of Christ the Son of the living God is a reality to us? The hour is at hand; we soon shall meet Him face to face, and say, "Thy right hand, O Lord, is becoming glorious in power; Thou in Thy mercy hast led forth Thy people which Thou hast redeemed."

Last Sunday I went to Yeh Tou. The revival fire is burning. What a joy it was to my soul to hear them sing "He Men Buh Jau E Bay" ("You Are Not Ready to Meet the Lord"). Many repented and, D. V., we shall have water baptism on Aug. 17. There was a sister who at one time was a strong believer, but war is cruel and knows no mercy. Satan got hold of her and she lost out. Talk, prayer, visits, all failed, but God never fails. For two years she did drift down,

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Divine Healing

LINCOLNTON, N. C.—I am glad to sound a note of thanksgiving and praise through Jesus' name. He is so wonderfully good to me. He means more to me than anything in this world because I know if it wasn't for Him who died on the cross watching over me I would go down in despair. We have our trials and tests and when it seems we can go no farther we can look up to Jesus and say, "Jesus, I have stood all I can," and He will come on the scene and deliver us. Praise His name.

Please pray that God will heal me of a terrible hurting in my side. I have had three operations and the doctors say I will have to have another one but I know God can heal. He has healed me many times. I want you saints to pray that God will heal me without going under another knife. Please pray that God will undertake for an unspoken request.—Mrs. W. E. Mullis, Box 545.

MT. DORA, Fla.—I am glad I can still sound a note of praise to our great Healer. He has heard our prayers so many times. The other afternoon daddy came in from work with a bad sick headache. My mother, sister and I began praying for him. We could see that he was dying and it seemed he could stand it no longer, but we held on to God in prayer. The cold sweat had collected on his forehead and we could hardly tell that he was breathing. He turned pale and cold but we still looked to God. In a few minutes we saw him raise his hand and say, "Glory to God." We knew that God had touched his body.

The next morning he was able to go to his work.

Everyone who knows how to pray, please pray that he will be completely healed of headaches.—Mildred Holloway, Rt. 1.

PRINCETON, W. Va.—I praise the Lord for salvation and because I belong to the Church of God which I mean to stay in till Jesus calls for me. I thank the Lord for His healing power so many times. He has been my healer for twenty years. I was very sick a few days ago and told the Lord if He would heal me I would testify of it, so He touched my body and healed me. Bless His name. I praise Him for the many blessings; He means so much to me. I desire the prayers of God's people.—Mrs. T. J. Meade.

HAZLEHURST, Ga. — I thank God for His healing power. He healed my

baby of malarial fever. I promised the Lord if He would heal him I would testify of it and praise God his fever was cool in an hour.

Saints, pray much for me. I have been in the way one year and five months. I do not get to go to church very often, so pray for me to stand true until Jesus comes.—Sister Vera Dixon, Rt. 3.

JASPER, Ala.—I praise God because I still have old time salvation this morning. Thank God for the dear old Church of God. I am so glad that I am a member and have been for twelve years. I love it better every day.

I thank God for His mighty healing power, because I know about it. Three weeks ago I was down in bed sick, had been in bed ten weeks, stayed in the hospital part of the time. The doctors all said they could not do me any good and didn't know just what was wrong. Three weeks ago Brother W. E. Hodo, our good pastor, and Brother Andrew Key came to pray for me. It seemed like heaven just opened up. The Lord surely did bless in a wonderful way. It seemed like I wanted to get up and go to church so bad. And on Saturday after that I sent for Brother Hodo to come carry me to church. The Lord surely blessed in the service that night. I have been up ever since. I promised God if He would spare my life I would testify of it. Do not fail to keep your promise to God.

Last year I was down nine weeks. The doctor gave me up, so did all who saw me, but right at the last minute it seemed the Lord sent Brother Shumaker and his good wife from Bessemer (about forty miles), Brother Hodo and some more of the good saints, and they all held on to God for the healing of my body. I am so glad this morning that I am able to be up again and in service.

We have moved back closer to church. I desire the prayers of every one that I may be a better Church of God member. How I appreciate it this morning. Pray for my husband that he will do just what God wants him to do and that we might be soul winners for God, also that the Lord will completely heal my body, if it is His will. I am willing to suffer anything for the glory of God, I just want His will to be done.—Mrs. Emma Jones.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Greetings in Jesus' name. I praise the Lord for healing my body; He has been so good to me. Seven years ago I got sick and it seemed like I wasn't going to make it

but I held on to the Lord. I believed He was able to heal. The doctors said I had T. B. I believed that some day I would be well, so the other day I went to have an X-ray and they examined me and said I didn't need one, they couldn't find anything wrong with me. I give God all of the glory. Praise His dear name!

My oldest girl had to have an X-ray. It worried me. I promised God if He wouldn't let them find anything wrong with her I would praise Him for it. I write this for the glory of God. Bless His dear name forever.—Mrs. Archie Carlisle, 233 Sweetland Dr.

DOUGLASVILLE, Ga.—I thank everyone who prayed for me. I feel so much better and praise the Lord He is so good to me. I just can't praise Him enough. I just want to tell how wonderful the Lord has been to me. They carried me to the hospital to operate on me and I did not want to go. Brother Rone Norton and my father, W. N. Norton, and husband came in and prayed for me and Brother Rone came back to the bed and said he did not believe they would operate on me. He said I would get to go back home. I knew if the Lord did not undertake I would never go back alive. I was so weak. The doctor came in that afternoon and said he was going to let me go home and come back in five weeks, and praise the Lord, I have not gone back yet and I am able to do my housework. I can't praise the Lord enough. He has been so good to me.

I ask everyone to keep praying for me. I need more faith. Pray that I will get to be in services more for the Lord. I would just like to tell the world how good the Lord has been to me. Pray that I will overcome to the end.—Mrs. Claudia Henson.

ATLANTA, Ga.—I truly praise the Lord for old time salvation. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. Praise God forever. I really love the Lord and want to serve Him in the beauty of holiness (without which no man shall see the Lord). Glory to God, I feel His divine presence right now in my soul. Oh glory!

I praise Him for healing my body last night of what I believe to be an attack of appendicitis, and healing my children. Pray for me that I may stand true to Jesus.—Mrs. Louise Oliver, 658 McDonald St.

Revival

BALTIMORE, Md. — Recently we closed a very successful revival in Baltimore, Md. A number were saved and four filled with the Holy Ghost. Good crowds attended. The meeting was conducted at Overlea Full Gospel church.—Russell Ford, evangelist, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Praise and Thanksgiving

WARE SHOALS, S. C.—I praise the Lord for sparing my life up to the present time. I am so glad He has kept His hand over me through trials, temptations, sickness and afflictions. I am so glad He saved, sanctified and gave me the Holy Ghost and led me into the great Church of God. Oh glory! I find His promises are true. He said He would not leave me alone. I am so glad His grace is sufficient and that He tells us in His Word how to dress. We must deny ourselves of worldly pleasure, take up the cross daily and follow Him.

The Lord has blessed us with new Sunday school rooms large enough to accommodate the crowd at present. I don't get to go to all the services. We have a good Sunday school, Y. P. E. and L. W. W. B. which I am very proud of. I am also proud of Brother and Sister W. L. Edgars; they have been a great blessing to the church and community. Pray for us.—Maggie Gilmer.

WILMINGTON, N. C.—Dear Children of God, greetings in the precious name of Jesus. This morning I study God's goodness to me through Jesus Christ since He stooped and lifted me out of the gutters of sin, shame and disgrace and delivered my soul out of the hands of the devil, and how He has from time to time come to my rescue when, seemingly, the enemy was trying to surround my soul and God knowing the desire of my heart, made ways of escape where I could see no way out. How very true His promise is in 1 Cor. 10:13. If we have an honest heart and really desire to live right, He will make a way for us. Praise His name.

Yes, I know God is blessing everywhere people will let Him. Oh, that I could give you a picture of how He is blessing from service to service. When we gather early Sunday morning for Sunday school we find God there to lift and bless our souls. And our good humble pastor and his good wife, Brother and Sister V. D. Combs, are such a blessing to the church and those whom they meet. How he does declare the whole council of God, and I feel I can speak the sentiment of the church and say, Oh how we love them, and too, we are expecting them with us another year.

I am so feeble from head to foot, only God knows how I suffer and it seems I

would love to go home. I want to go home. I want my friends to please pray God's will to be done. May God bless one and all.—A. F. Wilson, 54 Spofford.

HATTIESBURG, Miss.—As this is the beginning of another Church year, let each of us ask ourselves the question, Did we do our best the past year? Did we keep all the promises we made to God? I heard a sermon several nights ago by Brother Stanley, which was very impressive. It was concerning making promises to God when we are in need and then failing to keep them. What if God were slack concerning His promises to us? As we look back on this year we can see how wonderful the Lord has blessed our church and each of us as individuals. Oh, the Lord has helped me so much until I can never thank Him enough. All of you who are burdened with some grief, take it all to God now and He will bless you. Sometimes I feel that I cannot go on but I rely on my Lord and He hears and understands. He is ever mindful and thoughtful of us just as He was with His disciples. He was never too tired at the end of the day that He would not go to the sick and needy. Each of us should strive harder each day to follow Him more closely.

I need your prayers for my loved ones who are lost. Please pray for them and for me that I will always be in the center of His will. Friends that know me know the trying times I have experienced this year, but I am still clinging to the Savior. Pray for me.—Sister Jewel White, Rt. 2.

I Left Myself in His Keeping

HIGGINS LAND, ST. ANN, Jam., B. W. I.—Dear Evangel Readers, greetings. I truly thank my God for His saving power, also for His good keeping. When I tell of God's good keeping I am not speaking from another man's experience but just what I have proved for myself. I have more confidence in people who can say as the Samaritans in St. John 4:42, "Now we believe not because of thy saying, for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ the Savior of the world." I am always thanking God for the precious Comforter in my soul, also for the

blessed hope of eternal life. At times when we are apt to be discouraged, this blessed Comforter reminds us of God's holy promises and these serve to get us encouraged.

I once had a difficult problem which I could not solve, it was most pressing. Many times I tried hard to solve it but could not. After travelling for sometime with this unsolved problem, I told the Lord if only He would give me deliverance by giving me the right answer I would testify of it. God heard and answered and though it was stated so clearly to me, yet I still had some doubt as to whether the answer was right. Anyway I still trusted the Lord and left myself in His keeping and today as I sit to write I can say the problem is solved and I am glad.

Really, beloved ones, this was a marriage problem. I was always wanting to do only what would please the Lord and to walk only in His will, so when this problem rose it was not very easy for me to arrive at a point of decision, without being sure it was the Lord's planning. The devil who always wanted to thwart God's purpose worked in many deceptive ways, so as to prevent the Lord's will from being done, but I prayed earnestly for the Lord to undertake and He did and I have the victory.

Now precious readers, I know it pays to trust the Lord. If we Christians would do more "trusting and less doubting," our pathway would not be so rough to us. The thought that Jesus is leading the way would make us forget most of the sufferings. I am one who believes the Scriptures and know it is true. If we acknowledge Him in all our ways, He will direct our paths. May God richly bless all you readers. Pray for me.—Mrs. M. A. Higgins.

GATLIFF, Ky.—I praise God for victory in the Lord. I ask each one to pray for my home and my husband who is out in sin.

I truly praise God for the great determination to go through with Him. The way sometimes looks dark but God understands. I never get tired of this good way. Pray that God will undertake in all that I do, that I will ever stand true and be found doing His will.

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Good Manners in Church

By J. H. WALKER

Little things are often important. If some of the points listed below are overlooked now and then, no serious harm is done; but one who observes these simple rules of good manners in church may be considered a courteous and thoughtful person.

1. Come to church a little early. Be in your place ready for worship when the service begins. The first hymn is as important as the last.
2. Go forward. Leave the rear seats for strangers, parents with small children, and any who come late.
3. Always be ready to serve when called on without being urged, especially to go to the choir when invited. If you are the pianist or musician take your place without being invited. If, however, you do not serve regularly and are invited, please respond. Don't hesitate and cause the invitation to be repeated.
4. Move over. Even if you don't mind having people crawl over you, don't force them to this discomfort. Move in from the aisle to leave room for others.
5. Eyes front. You are a worshiper, not a news reporter. Wait until after the service to see who came in late.

While the music is being played or the songs sung, remember this is no occasion for social conversation. Don't talk! Don't talk all your victory away before the service begins.

6. Assist others. Share your book when necessary. Help those who are less familiar with the service, the children, and the strangers. Take care of your song book. Refrain from creasing pages. Do not leave miscellaneous papers between the pages. Do not drop a book into the rack with a bang during the singing of the last verse of the last hymn.
7. Greet strangers after the service. They are guests. Introduce them to the pastor and ask them to come again. And one more thing—not a question of manners, but of the proper form of speech—call the minister "Pastor" not "Reverend." The word *reverend* is an adjective, not a title. In addressing a letter, you may write Rev. John Smith. In very formal speech one may say Rev. Mr. Smith or the Rev. John Smith. Use either the word Mr. or the given name after the word Rev. Such use is rather clumsy in ordinary conversation. It would be well to form the habit of addressing a minister as *Pastor* or *Brother Smith*.

Revivals

PALATKA, Fla.—We would like for the brethren and sisters to know that Palatka, Fla., is now on the map for the Church of God. We came here and began to work for the Lord in the face of many discouragements, but finally victory came and after a successful revival Brother Paul Taylor came over and set the church in order for us. The crowds continue at house capacity for which we are very thankful to God.—Paul Yates, pastor.

CRESCENT SPRINGS, Ky. — We praise the Lord for a two weeks' meeting in which seven were saved, six sanctified and the church greatly blessed. Brother C. D. Henry conducted the meeting. Brother Henry is a straightforward gospel preacher who will have a lasting good with the church and pastor where he ministers.—L. L. Hughes, pastor, Rt. 4, Erlanger, Ky.

WALKER, La.—We have just closed a seven nights' revival here at Cedar Dale church and truly God was with us from beginning to end. Five precious souls prayed through to the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Brother and Sister Jesse

Lane, of Bogalusa, La., conducted the revival. Brother Lane surely did bring some wonderful messages. The whole church was greatly revived. Remember us at Cedar Dale in prayer.—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rogers.

MT. VERNON, Ill.—On returning from the Assembly we brought Sister Bessie Jones, of 815 Emerson Ave., Knoxville, Tenn., with us for a revival. We had been praying for an old time revival before going to the Assembly, so on Sept. 10 the battle opened. For nearly three weeks the heavenly presence of the Spirit of God was in our midst every night. God did bless; it was wonderful. But say, Sister Jones is the old time kind of evangelist—fasting, praying—then with the church back of her there were good results. This was the best revival that has been held here for several years. There were several saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

I would like to say something about our visit before the Assembly. Our first stop was near Columbia, Ky., where wife labored for years preaching holiness. What a good time we had seeing old saints who have been standing true for

years. Sanctification was stressed in those days of revivals and they got it in the old-fashioned way. Let me say it has not changed.

After visiting several places in Kentucky, we arrived in Knoxville, Tenn., at Brother McMillan's home. Brother McMillan has been a good old faithful child of God, filled with the Holy Ghost and still shouts the victory. I left wife here and went to the Assembly.

What a treat it was to meet old friends where she labored so many years. By the way, wife and her former husband, Brother John Thomas, held the first Holy Ghost revival in Knoxville. This city has two good churches and two good pastors, Rev. Wilson at Eighth Avenue, and Rev. Hodges at West Knoxville. God is blessing both churches. We had the privilege of visiting the Smokies and ate dinner about six thousand feet above sea level. In looking from the highest point in that section, my what a view it was! God's handiwork—mountainside by mountain!

We are now settled down for another year and have some of the best members in the Church and God is blessing their labors of love.—P. F. Fritz and wife.

We closed a three weeks' revival at Pitts, Ga., the first Sunday in August. Many were blessed, six or eight testified to an experience of grace. Some were reclaimed. Brother Joseph Daniel, of Cairo, Ga., did most of the preaching. We learned to love him and give him a hearty welcome back any time. His special singing accompanied by the guitar was enjoyed by all.

Pray for us here at Pitts. We are beginning another revival with Brother Denmark King in charge. Pray that it will be a success.

Brother J. C. Towns and I were in a good revival in a new field near my home for a little more than two weeks. The Lord blessed and many were in the altar. Pray for another revival that Brother Towns and I will be in by the time you read this, the Lord being willing.—Earl Powell, Rt. 1, Jacksonville, Ga.

Baby Healed

GRAHAM, Tex. — I have come to know that God can heal if we can only trust Him. It has only been two months since I have written to have my baby prayed for. She used to have spells, but thank God, she does not now. Why? Because God has healed. You know when God does things for us we just can't praise Him enough for it. He has been so good to us year after year. I want to get closer to Him. Pray that we might be found doing His will when He comes.—Sister Marie Davis.

The Gentiles

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first of these kingdoms was a *unit*, the second *dual*, the third became *quadruple* (Dan. 7:6, 8:8), and the fourth, in its final form, becomes *ten-toed*.

The "colossus" comes to an end by being smitten on the *feet* by a "Stone cut out of a mountain." The "Stone" does not fill the earth by degrees, and thus crowd the "colossus" out; it at one blow **DEMOLISHES IT**. The action of the "Stone" is **JUDGMENT**, not grace. It therefore cannot mean Christianity, for it is a "process."

Again the *time* of the destruction is not until *after the formation of the toes*, and we know that the "two limbs" of the "colossus" did not appear until A. D. 364, and the ten toes have not yet developed. The *time* when the stone falls on the "colossus" is distinctly stated in the interpretation as "in the days of those kings," that is, in the days of the kings represented by the "ten toes."

The "Stone" which smites the "colossus" must be interpreted as Christ who is called a "Stone" in Scripture. "Whoever shall fall on this stone (Christ) shall be broken (softened by repentance), but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder." Matt. 21:44. This is exactly what the prophet foretells of the smiting of the "colossus."

"Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them; and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth," Dan. 2:35.

As the four kingdoms typified by the "colossus" are literal kingdoms, it follows that the Stone kingdom must be a literal kingdom, for it takes the place of the kingdoms that are destroyed, and conquers the whole earth. The Stone kingdom then is the millennial kingdom of Christ and the "colossus," or the "times of the Gentiles" typified by it, cannot come to an end until the "revelation of Christ" at His second coming.

THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES

In Luke 21:24 Jesus says that Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the "times of the Gentiles" be fulfilled.

We have seen that the "times of the Gentiles" began in B. C. 606; is there any way of telling when they will end?

There are those who claim that Jesus meant by the word "times," "prophetic times," and that prophetic "time" is a year of 360 days, each day standing for a year, thus making a "time" equal to 360 years. They also claim that Moses

in the book of Leviticus (Lev. 26:18-21, 24-28), foretold, and four times repeated it, that if the children of Israel disobeyed God, He would punish them "seven times" for their sins and that Jesus referred to these "seven times" when He spoke of the "TIMES of the Gentiles." Therefore if a "time" is 360 years, "seven times" would be seven times 360 or 2,520 years; and as the "times of the Gentiles" began in B. C. 606, they should have ended in A. D. 1914.

Can this claim be substantiated? In the book of Revelation the last "half" of the "seventieth week" of Daniel is described by three statements of time. First by 42 months (Rev. 11:2; 13:5); second by 1,260 days (Rev. 11:3; 12:6); third by "time, and times, and half a time" (Rev. 12:14); this last corresponding with Daniel's "time and times and the dividing of time." Dan. 7:25; 12:7. Now as all these statements of time apply to the same period, it is clear that the things that are equal to the same thing are equal to each other; and as a "thousand, two hundred and threescore days" equal 1,260 days, and 1,260 days equal forty-two months of thirty days each, and forty-two months equal three and one-half years, then "time, times and half a time" (or the dividing of time), must equal three and one-half years. That is, a "time" must equal one year; and "times," two years; and a "half a time," half a year. So we see that in prophetic chronology a "time" is equal to a year of 360 days, and not a year of 365 days. There is therefore no scriptural authority for calling a "time" 360 ordinary years.

If a "time" were 360 ordinary years, then the "time, and times, and a half a time" of Rev. 12:14 would be equal to 360 plus 720 plus 180 or 1,260 years, making the last week of Daniel's seventy weeks 2,520 years long; the absurdity of which is seen when we remember that the last week of the seventy weeks must be on the same scale as the weeks of the sixty-nine week period, which we proved from history were only seven years long.

If the claim that the "times of the Gentiles" is 2,520 years long is correct, then we must not forget that those years are years of 360 days each. Now 2,520 years of 360 days each, make 907,200 days. But exactly 2,523 Julian or astronomical years of 365¼ days each, or 921,516 days, elapsed since B. C. 606 up to A. D. 1917, a difference of 14,316 days. If we reduce these 2,523 years of 365¼ days to years of 360 days, then we must divide 921,516 by 360, which gives us 2,559¾ years, which is 39¾ years more than 2,520 years, so that the 2,520 years of the "times of the Gentiles" ran out in A. D. 1877.

As further proof that the "seven

times" of Leviticus are not prophetic times, we have the fact that the children of Israel have been punished, or given over to servitude and captivity exactly SEVEN times. Their present dispersion is neither a servitude nor captivity, and does not count.

Mission Page

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lower and lower. One night, according to her own words, she heard the singing and the call to return. At that time there was no meeting so she had to walk eight miles and was just in time for the morning prayer meeting. There again she gave her heart to God.

More good news is that on July 20 we baptized thirty-two in water. Those I love to give to your care and keeping. I can still see the beams of joy in their faces as I told them the faith which links us to Christ's death and unites us with His resurrection in all its eternal and victorious power. By our union with Him we are gloriously triumphant, so follow Him now.

We pray that God will lead you. Fear not to send help. The Lord will open a way. Pray for us. The prayer of faith always is of great value. At Tung Tha Kai we need a well. Our workers have to drink the filthy water of the village pond where all the soiled clothes are washed. We leave all in His hands and plead that heaven's best is yours. Thanking you for all the prayers, good gifts, and love toward this work, we know in this hour of need you, like God, will be with us. His blessings rest on you. Do remember the children of God, waiting for the opening of the endless ages of eternal life and eternal glory. The attitude of the truly surrendered heart is henceforth unto Him.—Paul C. Pitt.

P. S. On the 17th of August we baptized in water thirty-five souls and ask prayer for them. We carry on by God's help and mercy.

Glad to Report Victory in My Soul

COMFORT, W. Va.—I am glad to report victory in my soul. I am pleased this Sunday morning to say that the Comforter abides. Sometime ago I had a very sore mouth. I told Jesus if He would heal it I would send in a testimony. I went to Artie, W. Va., for a six months' meeting. The Lord surely blessed those who attended.

Please pray that I may be able to do more in the field this year, for the harvest is truly white with ripeness and the laborers are few. It is high time the soldiers of God go to battle against the enemy of God, the devil. I also have an unspoken request that I would like for you to put before the Lord in my behalf.—Evangelist, Mrs. Della Walker.

Delkograms

D. H. DELK

The Curse of Strong Drink

"Sin is a reproach to any people."
"Take heed to yourselves lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness," etc.

There is no use to say that this only means many are drunk on pleasure, etc. There has never been more whiskey sold and drunk than now. Drunkenness is one of the last snares. Whiskey is all dressed up now, yes, in an innocent looking robe; but the demon is still in it. Can't you hear it say, "I'm no longer called 'Moon-



shine' put out by a blind tiger, I'm no longer hid in the swamps, and drunk in dark alleys, etc, but I've come out of obscurity. I'm on Main Street now, in an up-to-date place, and on top of all this I am sold by one of the leading citizens of the city, who stands high in society." Satan him-

self is transformed into an angel of light. No matter how innocent the bottle may appear, it's still cram full of danger, "there is death in the pot." It will still make you as drunk as a wheel barrow.

"Strong drink is not only the devil's way into a man, but man's way to the devil." (Adam Clarke)

In the bottle, discontent seeks comfort; cowardice seeks courage; timidity seeks boldness; sadness seeks joy; and all find RUIN. Whiskey is sure to unlock trouble on you.

"Bottles and rags! Bottles and rags!" cried the rag man as he passed along the street. "Why do you always put those words together?" asked a passer-by. "Because wherever you find bottles you find rags," was the courteous reply.

"The drunkard***shall come to poverty."

Knowing the time, it's high time to "cry aloud (with the throat), spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet" against this terrible curse that is playing havoc with not only our boys but our girls as well.

"Call things by their names! Glass of brandy and water! That is the current but not the appropriate name; ask for a glass of 'liquid fire and distilled damnation.'" (Hall)

The Japanese say, "A man takes a

drink, then the drink takes a drink, and the next drink takes the man."

I am like Sam Jones said, if you ask me which side of liquor I am on, I'll tell you I am on the side the good women are. One leading saloon man heard this who had just buried his wife and he threw up his hands and quit. I heard of another drunkard kicking his baby to death, then walked to a saloon and fell dead. The broken-hearted mother and wife came over to the bartender and said, "Now take a gun and blow out my brains."

"Some liquor is sold in non-refillable bottles; and it's true, a good job, fine home, friends, reputation, and heaven also, if these are poured out, IS IT LIKELY THEY WILL BE BOTTLED UP AGAIN?

Liquor has many open enemies, but more secret friends; this is the reason it was voted back. I am so glad that where sin abounds, grace doth much more abound. GLORY TO GOD.

Learned to Trust and Obey Jesus

STATESBORO, Ga.—I'm so glad I ever learned to trust and obey Jesus. I am sorry I did not learn that there was such a friend as He sooner. Mother and father died when I was eight years old and I was not taught much about God or His great power to save and heal. But thank God, one day I wandered to a place where a few of God's children were gathered. I stopped to see what they did and thank God, it was just what I wanted. I went home and told my husband those people had something I wanted. I went to God about it and He showed me very quickly it was for me and my children if they would accept it. In about one year I had the sweet Holy Ghost. I haven't been tired of the way one bit. Later my husband got saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. We were happy for a while, then the enemy afflicted his body with heart drowsy. He told us when he got sick he was going to die. He lived about four months, then went home to be with Jesus. Thank God for his testimony. From the time he was taken sick he said, "I am going to die, but thank God I am going to be with Jesus. Don't worry, I'll be waiting over yonder for you." His testimony makes me want to get closer to my Lord and let my light shine. I just want my will to be God's will. I have been very sick for about three years; sent for prayer several times and am still sick, so pray for me to hold on till Jesus says it's enough, come on and be with your husband.

Thank God for sending Brother and Sister Mitchell our way; they were our pastor last year and we like them so well we called them for this year. Pray earnestly for me to be healed if it is God's will.—Mrs. J. S. Fail.

My Sermonette

Florence Schumaker

"Behold, that which I have seen."
Eccl. 5:18.

Frequently two, three, yea, even four witnesses on the witness stand have all seen the same occurrence, yet their stories are so varied that it is hard to believe that it was the same happening. "Behold, that which I have seen."

We all know what the pessimist and the optimist saw about the doughnut. If we look for trouble, we generally find it. What we have trained ourselves to see, we are going to see. Prov. 27:19, "As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man." We give ourselves away by what we behold in others. Prov. 26:28, "A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted thereby." Are we looking for lies, infirmities, and failings in others? Then change the focus of attention to your own heart, and you will find them all there. The Ten Commandments were written for you. The Lord Jesus Christ lived by, and quoted them.

You wanted to be good, but you saw such sins in the church that your righteous soul was vexed and you would have none of it. You were seeing things! They were there all right, but remember that in the day of judgment it won't do you a particle of good to tell the Lord, "My next-door neighbor did it, too." Your very words of condemnation may be a greater sin is His holy eyes, than your neighbor's wrong-doing. Remember Jude 9. Are we greater than the archangel Michael? Consider the woman taken in adultery. Did men see her sin when facing the Lord? "That which I have seen." Prov. 10:12, "Love covereth all sins." Habakkuk 1:13, "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil; thou canst not look at iniquity." Are your impure eyes seeing evil only? The cure for this is a sight of something that we all know about yet which we forget—even a vision of Calvary. You say you have seen Him, and you are not changed? Jer. 5:21, "O foolish people, without understanding; which have eyes and see not." Your heart hath not comprehended Him; your eyes have not seen Him that you might be healed. The destroyer by night saw the blood and so, passing by, left life within.

When you, beloved, see the blood with eyes, and comprehend with your heart, there will be life within, even the life of the dear Son of God. "Behold, that which I have seen." Have you seen the

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My Sermonette

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Lamb of God slain, instead of you? Have you seen His precious blood flowing for your sins? "Open mine eyes that I may see!"

Editorially Speaking

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into the program which is outlined for evangelism and missions. If the Chinese are so loyal to a material cause, a national cause, then those who are interested in things eternal and spiritual should certainly be equally as loyal.

God-Approved Ministers

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"We are, of course, 100 per cent on everything," as if that were just an ordinary thing, which called for no extra service whatsoever. They were just 100 per cent on everything that you could mention in the program of the Church. Well, we find so much of that now. Everywhere we went last year, there were hundred percenters. The great working strength of the Church is at work. The whole working crew is on the job. This year, mixed with all of our special efforts to promote the work financially, we have this great drive on evangelism. The enthusiasm for the drive is bubbling over in every heart and soul and we are expecting the greatest cooperation we have ever had in such an undertaking.

Remember the willingness to give cooperation and the ability to procure it are super qualities of good leaders which invite the careful study and practice of every minister every day of his ministerial life.

REPORTS

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A Visit from Granddaddy Ellis

DADE CITY, Fla.—I praise God for His blessings to us and our church at Lacoochee. I thank Him for victory. During the two Assembly years that Brother M. D. Alderman was with us the Lord blessed his ministry throughout the district. He and his family were highly esteemed. Living as we do three miles south of Dade City, we do not get to be present in all the services, but I will report as best I know.

Different evangelists conducted revivals for Brother Alderman. The fellowship meetings, communion and feet washing service, Y. P. E., Sunday school, and regular services all were grand and both district conventions were a great success.

An outstanding feature was being blessed with visits from our Granddaddy Ellis (Brother J. B. Ellis), a wonderful

man of God and an inspiration and blessing wherever he goes. May God bless him and his dear wife and make their last days their best days.

It seems heaven bends and kisses us, we are so wonderfully blessed. It was the will of the Lord that our pastor serve another people, Bartow, and we pray God's blessings upon Brother and Sister Alderman and children and may they be the blessings to others they were to us. The farewell sermon was wonderful. Service ran late but every minute was enjoyed. After the benediction, led by Sister Alderman, a number of gifts were presented to show our appreciation. Then came Sunday, September 21. We were present when our new pastor and family, Brother and Sister Kidd, and little daughters, were with us. We welcomed them and such a good service we were blessed with. We heard that the Wednesday night service was grand, also the Y. P. E. Friday night. Our new state overseer, Brother J. C. Jernigan, and family and our dear Granddaddy Ellis and a number of others were present.

The Lord is with us and we ask an interest in your prayers that we will do our best for Him and that our church will be a soul-saving station.

We surely praise God for the Church of God. We are so thankful that in these days of sorrow and despair the Church of God is rising and shining and making progress by leaps and bounds. Pray for my loved ones and me, that we will be ready to meet Jesus when He comes or calls.—Mrs. J. C. Sellers, Rt. 1, Box 74.

Work Continues in Canada

CONSUL, Sask., Can.—The Churches of God at Robsart and Consul, Sask., had an all-day meeting in Consul, Sunday, Sept. 21.

We praise the Lord for the presence of our visiting brethren and for their anointed ministry. Our overseer, Brother Sharp, and Brother Glenn Clark were with us from Montana and the following Canadian brethren were present: Brothers G. C. Pettyjohn, Chester Roset, W. W. Morrison and A. E. Erickson. All seemed to be at their best for God. Many reconsecrations were made and several of the young people were in the altar at night.

The following appointments were made by our overseer: Brother Mesoyne McLuhan, who has been pastoring the church at Consul since the convention was appointed district overseer. Brother A. E. Erickson was appointed to the church at Consul. Brother G. C. Pettyjohn was appointed district evangelist. All felt that it had been good to be at the all-day meeting. — Harry B. Lane, Robsart, Sask.

They Said It Couldn't Be Done

ENNIS, Tex. — I feel led to report what the Lord is doing in Ennis. They said it couldn't be done as there is a Jesus Only movement here and one of the members made the remark that no other holiness movement could stay here as it had done. We have been tested, but, thank God, Jesus said ask and it shall be given. Thank God, He has allowed us to set a Church of God in order here in Ennis where they said it couldn't be. It was set in order the 27th of July, just before the camp meeting at Weatherford, Tex., with eight members, and we came back, and of course, the devil said, "You can't have a revival," but these few saints began to cry out and the Lord answered and we had a three weeks' revival and had large crowds and a number were saved, one filled with the Holy Ghost, four baptized in water, and many are looking toward the Church of God. The revival was conducted by the writer.

We have a Willing Workers' Band, a nice little Sunday school and Y. P. E., and since the revival the Lord has given us sixty dollars on a church. Now we are looking forward to a building and we believe we are going to get it for I can feel that our good brothers and sisters in the great Church of God are praying for this place. Our beloved overseer, Brother T. W. Godwin, was sent back to us, and then through him was given us, we think, a wonderful man of God, Brother J. C. Thompson, for a district pastor. I can feel something moving over me and I don't feel afraid to go out as the man did to hunt a lion. Oh glory.

I ask all to pray that the Lord will bless us in our efforts to obtain a church building.—G. W. Alford, pastor, Gen. Del.

Fellowship Meeting Held

The Big Island district fellowship meeting held at the Little River church the first Friday night, Oct. 3, was one that was enjoyed by every one. Brother B. W. Elliott, district pastor, was in charge. The Lord was with us from the very beginning. Brother J. R. Linins brought the message.

The next fellowship meeting will be the first Friday night in November, at Parma, Mo., Church of God. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the blessings of the Lord.—E. E. Rhoades, Rt. 1, Box 236, Caruthersville, Mo.

Revival

GENEVA, Ala.—We have just closed a good meeting here. The church was wonderfully revived. Three were saved, two sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Rowe Woodard and wife were the evangelists. They surely were a blessing to us.—W. B. Nabors, pastor.

REQUESTS

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so much. Pray that the Lord will remove all pains and soreness and that I can get my breath. It even hurts me to move. Pray that I will be well and live a Christian life. I am a young mother of two children and I ask the blessing for them and my husband, that they will be healthy and work for the Lord.—Mrs. Mary Emma Dudley, Rt. 4, Box 772-A, Pensacola, Fla.

—R—
God to undertake for my daughter and son-in-law.—Lillie Thacker, Rt. 3, Cartersville, Ga.

—R—
The Lord to heal my eyes of cataracts, they give me lots of pain, also that my body will be made whole.—Katie Hewitt, Rt. 2, Box 119, Mayo, Fla.

—R—
Me to be healed of a serious ailment.—Mrs. W. A. Petty, 1504 Broad St., Wichita Falls, Tex.

—R—
The healing of my mother, she has been sick in bed from a nervous breakdown for two years.—Helen Skipper, 1604 6th Ave., Manatee, Fla.

—R—
The healing of my mother, Mrs. J. Kelley Bridgman, Rt. 1, Dora, Ala., she is in a serious condition with heart dropsy.—Mrs. Bennie Hulsey, Box 831, Jasper, Ala.

—R—
The healing of my side, I have had an attack of appendicitis and my side is hurting me very badly.—D. Tate, Rt. 1, Box A, Webster Springs, W. Va.

—R—
The healing of my head, nose and throat.—Miss Ruth Messimer, Box 35, Strawn, Tex.

—R—
My little girl to be healed of something like severe spells of indigestion; the Lord to help us in our work.—Mrs. Walter Daughdrill, Rt. 1, Bellvue, Alabama City, Ala.

—R—
The healing of my body; my little girl to be healed of sores.—Mrs. G. L. Her-ring, Phenix City, Ala.

—R—
The healing of my body, I have been afflicted two years; my mother.—A friend, Argyle, Ga.

—R—
The healing of Sister Bela Fordham of epileptic fits.—Mrs. Letha Hall, Maud, Okla.

—R—
Me to be healed of stomach trouble, nervousness and some trouble with my ears which causes a discharge and imperfect hearing. God to heal and save my dear old father and allow me to keep him for a long time as I will be all alone when he goes, having just lost my mother. He seems to have stomach trouble and heart ailment.—Miss I. Dickens, Covington, La.

My father, brothers, and baby.—Mrs. R. L. Davis, Rt. 2, Jesup, Ga.

—R—
The healing of Sister Booth who is very sick.—Mrs. Booth, Omaha, Ark.

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God to undertake and help.—A sister in distress, Lulu, Fla.

Praise and Thanksgiving

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May God's will be done.—Mrs. Mollie Monhallen.

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LARKINSVILLE, Ala.—I praise God today because I know I'm a child of the King and have been for the past five years. I accepted Christ about as soon as He was preached to me in the latter rain way. It was soon after then that God called me in His vineyard. I started out with all the ability I had to work for Jesus. God would heal the sick through my prayers. I thought I could not carry His Word because I could scarcely read a word. I have been sick quite a bit in my short spiritual life. I always trusted God completely for the healing of my body and paid my tithes. I joined the great Church of God as soon as I received the blessing. I have been sick around six months. Now God wonderfully touches my body, but I am not completely healed, so I have promised God again that I will try my best to carry His Word.

I request prayer that I will have the ability to obey my calling and be most successful in the Master's service. This calling is heavy upon me. God is still saying go. I have started to do what little I can until God says it's enough. I am really in need of more of the power of God and ability.—Velon S. Hodges.

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CARMi, Ill.—God heals today as He always has. About a week after the state convention here in Benton, Ill., I had a nervous breakdown, also a light stroke of paralysis, but I just trusted the Lord and feel about as well as ever now. Praise God forever! About two weeks ago my son was sick with poison on his lower limb. I promised God if He would heal him I would write a testimony to the Evangel. I have had the blessed Holy Ghost for almost thirty years and still belong to the Church of God. Bless His name! I still have the victory and mean to keep it until Jesus comes or calls.

Carmi is going over the top for Jesus. We were so glad to get our pastor, Brother J. L. Summers, back as he is a live wire for God. Pray for us here in Carmi that we may make the rapture as I don't want to miss it. The one who endures to the end the same shall be saved. May God bless His children everywhere.—Sister Lizzie Yates.

My Pledge

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| Oklahoma | | 6 | 6 |
| Pennsylvania | 46 | 15 | 61 |
| South Carolina | 198 | 101 | 299 |
| South Dakota | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Tennessee | 71 | 29 | 100 |
| Texas | 39 | 74 | 113 |
| Virginia | 156 | 29 | 185 |
| West Virginia | 178 | 29 | 207 |
| Washington | 6 | 1 | 7 |
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| Delaware | | 1 | 1 |
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TOTAL 1,681 746 2,427

This is the way it stands today, but next week it will be different. Please rush your pledge to us at your earliest convenience, as we are eager to see the states climb.

Two of our overseers, who have not been preaching many evangelistic sermons, since they had signed the pledge, started right in on evangelistic messages the first Sunday night. One reports that there was the sweetest spirit among the people and some ten or fifteen came to the altar. One or two prayed through to victory, and the following Wednesday night one received the Holy Ghost. The spirit of evangelism still gripped the hearts of the people. Another overseer almost refused to sign the pledge because he felt that he would not be able to preach evangelistic messages in his work. At his first attempt, however, the Lord was with him in a wonderful way, and to his surprise, the altar was filled with seekers. I believe he stated three received the Holy Ghost that night. Another overseer told me that nearly every church in his state was now engaged in a revival and that he had never heard of so many revivals before. This state overseer is working in a state that is in the A group.

May God place the burden upon the hearts of His faithful people, that they may do their utmost in rescuing souls this year.

Some people are like the goat, in that they use their heads for butting more than they do for thinking.

Great Revivals

CEDAR VALLEY, Ga.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival which has been a wonderful success with Evangelist John Black in charge. The Lord surely is real at Cedar Valley; He blessed in many wonderful ways. Seven were converted, six sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-five added to the church and nineteen baptized in water, all of whom are new members, not any backsliders.—Taft Black, pastor.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—A three weeks' revival just closed before the Assembly. Rev. and Mrs. Lee E. Holdman were the evangelists. Brother Holdman's messages were timely and inspirational. The church was greatly blessed. Five were saved, four sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. The Lord is greatly blessing since the revival. One has been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, six baptized in water and one united with the church. Every department of the church is making progress and is always one hundred per cent on every program outlined by the Assembly, also on the state programs. We are starting our third years' work here as pastor and we certainly appreciate the faithfulness of the membership and our many friends who so willingly support the church and pastor.—John O. Yates, pastor, 4224 Vista Ave.

OAK HILL, W. Va.—A wonderful revival has just closed at the Church of God at Oak Hill, W. Va., conducted by Sisters Norma Miller, of Buckhannon, W. Va., and Ethel Loudin, of Salem, W. Va.

Twenty were saved, seventeen sanctified, eighteen filled with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water and nine added to the church.—Earl King, clerk.

MALLORY, W. Va.—We praise God for the revival which closed here Aug. 27. During the four weeks seventeen were saved, nine sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost. The house was filled with the glory of God every night. Brother C. M. Roseman, of Kannapolis, N. C., did the preaching. Brother Roseman is one of our young Bible School students. He is an outstanding evangelist. He certainly worked hard in this revival to get people saved. There were four sisters saved in this revival and all were high school girls. He was surely a blessing to the Mallory church. Eight

were baptized in water.

We are glad to report that we have Brother S. B. McCane back this year for our pastor. He has been a blessing to the church at Mallory for the past two years. Pray for us.—Brother John Trent.

OCTAGON, Ala.—A revival has just closed here with Brother J. A. Hunt doing the preaching. Surely Brother Hunt was at his best. Several were saved, and many saw the light on sanctification and the Holy Ghost and asked for prayer. There were large crowds and much interest shown.

Please pray for us at this place.—Mrs. Nellie Perkins.

OUTSTANDING REVIVAL IN ALABAMA CITY, ALA.

Eighty-one additions to church

A revival just closed Sept. 28, conducted by Evangelist Thea F. Jones and wife. One hundred sixty-five were saved, one hundred five sanctified, fifty-six filled with the Holy Ghost, ninety-six baptized in water, and eighty-one added to the church. The evangelistic spirit is waving high. Pray that God will make this the greatest year that Alabama City church has ever had.

We thank the Lord for Brother and Sister Thea F. Jones and for their faithful service in this evangelistic campaign in Alabama City, Ala.—Pastor, Rev. L. H. Aultman.

BLACKSBURG, S. C.—The Church of God at Blacksburg closed a four weeks' revival September 5. Rev. S. T. Luke and evangelistic party were in charge. Their messages were soul-stirring and they have proved a great blessing to our church. Seventeen were saved, sixteen sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost and nine added to the church. I praise the Lord for our good pastor, Brother Padgett, and wife. Pray for the Church of God and its works that are being carried on at Blacksburg, S. C.—Lewis William Peeler.

PORTSMOUTH, Va.—A wonderful revival just closed here in the city of Portsmouth, Va. About eight souls were saved, four filled with the Holy Ghost and many sick bodies were healed. The church was greatly revived. Good crowds attended the campaign. Remember us in your prayers.—Russell Ford and wife, evangelists.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Tenn.—I praise God for the revival which has just closed here. God blessed wonderfully in every service. Sister B. H. Clark and I were in charge. Sister Clark is the mother of the district. During the two weeks' meeting nine were saved, eight sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost and two added to the church. We had good singing all through the services. The folks at Mt. Pleasant surely are good altar workers.

It looked as if everyone was interested, even the mayor of the town speaks well of the church. We are looking forward for God to give us a good year on the Lawrenceburg district. I praise God for His blessings and power to keep us humble. Pray for us to win many souls. The revival closed Sunday night, September 28.—Roy Dagnan, district pastor, Cookeville, Tenn.

WEATHERFORD, Tex.—Brother and Sister Marshall Bell, of Pensacola, Fla., began a revival here September 7. It continued until September 21. Nine were saved, three sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. We had real good attendance. Please pray for us here at Weatherford.—J. T. Melton, pastor.

HILLIARD, Fla.—We truly thank the Lord for His goodness and many blessings we have received in our past revival that we just closed last night, September 28. We had a wonderful outpouring of God's Spirit. Brother J. C. Cox conducted the meeting. He certainly is a real man of God. Twelve were saved, one filled with the Holy Ghost and ten baptized in water. We surely want Brother Cox to come back and be with us.—Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Johns.

LYNCHBURG, Va.—The Church of God at Lynchburg, Va., has closed a successful revival with Brother Eugene B. Furr, of Richmond, Va., doing the preaching. God blessed in a wonderful way. Three were saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, four baptized in water, and two added to the church. The church was greatly blessed. We hope Brother Furr can be with us for another revival when Bible School is over.—E. P. Burrows.

The mouth takes in many good things, but if not guarded closely will let out some very bad and hurtful things.